



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

J. F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02203

May 16, 1986

Mr. John Beacon  
2700 Hospital Trust Tower  
Providence, RI 02906

Re: The Cannons Engineering Corporation site in Bridgewater, Massachusetts and the Cannons Engineering Corporation site in Plymouth, Massachusetts, hereinafter collectively referred to as the Sites

Dear Mr. Beacon:

EPA has received your response to the notice letter from Merrill S. Hohman, which informed you of Cranston Print Works' potential liability for federal and state funded clean-up activities at the Sites. In light of your response, we have examined, once again, our investigatory information which describes the involvement of potentially responsible parties with the Sites. Our review of this information confirms that your company may be a responsible party with respect to the Sites.

In order to assist you in evaluating your company's involvement with the Sites, we are providing a sample document from our files that indicates your company's involvement with the Cannons Engineering Corp. In making further searches of your files, our records suggest that you should focus your investigations on the period between January 1977 and July 1978. In addition, our information indicates that the following substances, among others, may be included in your involvement with the Sites: waste oil.

As discussed in EPA's letter from Merrill S. Hohman, we had requested that you provide copies of any information in your possession which describes your involvement with the Cannons sites within 30 days of your receipt of that letter. In most cases, the 30 day time period has now expired. However, in light of the EPA's need to complete the information gathering process and your indicated difficulty in locating records, we hereby grant an additional 10 days from the receipt of this letter for you to provide the information requested. Return your response to the address indicated in the Information Request Addendum along with a



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notarized affidavit from a responsible company official or representative stating that a diligent record search has been completed and that there has been a diligent interviewing process with present and former employees who may have knowledge of the operations, chemical use, and waste disposal practices of the respondent between 1974 and the present. Also include in the affidavit a statement that any and all information responsive to the Information Request is being forwarded to EPA and that all such information is complete and accurate.

EPA has determined that it is not prepared at this time to disclose all of the information in its possession describing the involvement of potentially responsible parties with the Sites, in part because of the large number of potentially responsible parties, and in part because of the necessity of assuring compliance with our information request. In order to assure that all relevant records have been submitted to us, EPA will not make further information describing the involvement of individual potentially responsible parties available to those potentially responsible parties until we have achieved compliance with our information request.

Sincerely yours,

*Mamie H. Collier*

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# CRANSTON PRINT WORKS COMPANY

ESTABLISHED 1825  
CENTRAL PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
CRANSTON, R. I. 02920

ORDER NO. W7829

REQ. NO.

DATE Oct. 17, 1977

FORM 110

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2. THE PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES, PACKAGES, PACKING LISTS, ETC.
3. PACKING LIST MUST ACCOMPANY EACH PACKAGE.
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IN ACCEPTING THIS PURCHASE ORDER, THE VENDOR CERTIFIES THAT THE PRICES CHARGED FOR EACH COMMODITY OR SERVICE LISTED HEREIN ARE NOT IN VIOLATION OF ANY PRICE REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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3210 Code 9  
fuel oil tank

TO—  
Cannons Engineering Corporation  
250 Main Street  
West Yarmouth, MA 02673

RECEIVED  
OCT 18 1977  
CANNONS

PLEASE ENTER OUR ORDER FOR THE FOLLOWING AND SHIP TO—

CRANSTON PRINT WORKS COMPANY, WEBSTER DIVISION, WEBSTER, MASS. 01570

VIA—

Furnish labor and equipment to remove sludge from our  
old 10,000 gallon Service Tank located near Pump House  
(old-Tank — No longer in service)

ENTERED UNDER  
MAY 1978

Conf. per. tel. conv. Scott Cannon 10-14-77

PLEASE BILL SAME DAY  
SHIPMENT IS MADE

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